



Empathize...Educate...Empower...

JSS Private School, Al Safa, Dubai, celebrates Determined Ones through a day wide event Synergy.

The fourth edition of **Synergy** was observed on **15th March 2018** at the JSS Private School with the theme: **Learning in a World of Differences**. In its constant endeavour to celebrate diversity and create awareness and appreciation for SEND learners (**The Determined Ones**), SEND Department of JSS Private School has undertaken the comprehensive program Synergy with an aim of concrete contribution towards H. H. Sheikh Mohammed's futuristic vision of **Fully Inclusive city by 2020**.

The opening ceremony witnessed the unveiling of **INCLUVISION**, a first of its kind exclusive quarterly magazine dedicated to the Determined Ones of UAE, an ambitious endeavour of JSS PS SEND Department. Inclusion magazine was unveiled by the **chief guest Fatma Belrehif - Executive Director, DSIB**. The other dignitaries present at the occasion were Mr. Sean Pavitt-Senior Inspector KHDA, Mr. Muaz Shabandri-Senior English Press Creative Writer KHDA, Ms. Safia Bari-Director SNF, Dubai, Dr. D. P. Shiv Kumar- CEO JSS Institutions, Mrs. Chitra Sharma, Principal JSS Private School, Mr. Ashok Pallaya SAO JSS Private School, Mr. Govind Rao Naik, SFO JSS Private School, Mrs. Bindhu Rajiv Headmistress JSS Private School. Highlighting the significance and objective of the magazine Mr. Andaleeb Isheteyaq, Inclusion Champion JSS Private School, told that the magazine will be a platform to recognize and showcase Determined Ones talents. It will be an authentic source of recent research and relevant information to help serve the UAE's Determined Ones community. Reading the stories, learning about struggles and successes of families with Determined Ones can be inspiring, engaging and will foster a sense of support and inclusion in the Determined Ones community. It will also help bring change in public perception on disability.

Another unique initiative organized at the event was **Determined Ones LOGO Competition**. The objective of this initiative is that the logo will become a symbol of the voice for all the Determined Ones. Jiffu Bunnik from Tender Hearts Arena, Dubai became the proud winner of the competition. She was awarded AED 500 and a certificate of excellence.

Synergy also witnessed amazing and unique talents of the Determined Ones from 16 schools of Dubai and Sharjah in the **Determined Ones Talent Show**. It was an eye opener to see these great kids enthral the audience with their exceptional talent. Leading experts across UAE discussed various issues facing SEND learning in the monthly event called Inclusion Round Table. It was an enlightening session where 8 experts (**Dr. Shaju George, Dr. Shweta Adatia, Ms. Meera Ramani, Ms. Rogaiyah Hamidaddi, Ms. Rupali Ranjith, Ms. Tanuka Gupta, Ms. Urmimala Sinha**) across various disciplines of Special Needs allayed queries of the parents, teachers and the students. Awareness sessions were also conducted through a fun filled Accessibility Quiz. Last but not the least there was an Inclusion wall to pen everyone's opinion of the event. Few of them expressed as: "Thank you for hosting such a great event, stay inclusive"-Fatma Belrehif, "JSS Family inspires us. Keep shining"-Muaz Shabandri, "What an awesome day spent with lovely talented kids around. **Thanks JSS Private School for giving an opportunity to be a part of this event"- a proud parent.**



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*Learning in a world
of differences:*

**Where are
WE NOW?**

**Where should
WE GO?**

NEW DUBAI
Inclusive Education
Policy Framework

**SAFIA
BARI'S**
Labour of Love

Determined
**Ones
Logo**
Competition

Anxious, Curious & Ambitious
KARAN BATHIJA
a Truly Inspiring Determined One

